

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for converting signals in the form of digital data, such as various types of video/audio/data signals for example, between an original format, in which each data item includes a certain number of digits, and a compressed format, in which each data item includes a smaller number of digits. The process includes the operation of associating the data with a configuration including: a first field identifying the number of sub-blocks into which the said certain number of digits are subdivided, a second field that identifies, within the said sub-blocks, respective sections, each one including a given number of digits, and a third field that identifies, for each these sections, one of a plurality of applicable modes (average, compression, transmission "as is", etc.) that can be adopted for converting the digits in the section between the original format and the compressed format.

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